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1. RELIABLE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OFFICIALS HAVE INFORMED NARCOTICS ATTACHE WALTZ THAT MINISTER ROSCH HAS EXPRESSED OPINIONS TO ASSOCIATES IN MOI THAT GOA MUST FEEL HONORED BY U.S. INVITATION TO SEND SENIOR NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT SPECIALISTS TO SUBJECT SCHOOL, THAT HE IS IN BASIC AGREEMENT WITH PROPOSAL FOR TRAINING AND WISHES TO ACCEPT SAME WHICH

HE CONSIDERS VERY WORTHWHILE.

2. BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS ON TRAVEL COSTS, WHICH CAUSED LAST MINUTE CANCELLATION OF TRAVEL AUSTRIAN DOG HANDLER TO U.S. CUSTOMS COURSE IN JUNE (REFTEL C), ARE STILL VERY MUCH IN EFFECT AND WILL CONTINUE INTO CY76. THE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THIS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE CURRENT AND PROJECTED MOI BUDGETS AND ARE THERFORE NOT AVAILABLE. THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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RESTRICTION IS CONSIDERED BY SOURCES IN MOI AND EMBASSY

AS ONLY IMPEDIMENT TO AUSTRIA ACCEPTANCE TRAINING OFFER BY DEA. MOI SOURCES STATE THAT GOA WOULD SEND FULL QUOTA NARCOTICS SPECIALISTS IF IT WERE NOT FOR PROBLEM OF TRAVEL COSTS (ESTIMATED AT \$550 PER PERSON).

3. EMBASSY CONSIDERS INTERESTS OF U.S. GOVT. WOULD BE BEST SERVED IF GOA COULD SEND TEN REPEAT TEN OFFICERS TO SUBJECT COURSE AT THIS OPPORTUNE TIME, WHEN AUSTRIA IS BEGINNING TO RECOGNIZE SIGNIFICANCE OF LOCAL ABUSE SITUATION AND OFFICIALS FEEL NEED TO INVESTIGATE NARCOTICE TRANSFERS HERE AS WELL AS INTERCEPT TRANSIT TRAFFIC TO WEST. IF SCHOOL QUOTE FOR AUSTRIA WAS INCREASED FROM EIGHT TO TEN PARTICIPANTS, FOUR WOULD BE SELECTED FROM THE POLICE, FOUR FROM THE GENDARMERIE, AND TWO FROM THE AUSTRIAN CENTRAL NARCOTICS DEPT. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, SUGGEST PRIORITY CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO AMENDING OFFER OF TRAINING TO: SPECIALISTS AT SUBJECT COURSE; AND (B) ALSO OFFER U.S. FUNDING OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL THESE TEN SPECIALISTS.

4. GOA DECISION ON TRAINING OFFER EXPECTED FOR MID-OCTOBER. REQUEST PRIORITY CONSIDERATION U.S. AMENDMENT THIS OFFER TO ALLOW POSSIBLE ACCEPTANCE BY OCT. 17. BUCHANAN

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